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Letter dated 23 November 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran sent a note responding to the statement made on 24 September 2010 in the United Nations General Assembly by the President of Argentina, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, in which she offered the Islamic Republic of Iran the possibility of choosing, by mutual agreement between the two countries, a third country to adjudicate the terrible attack committed in Buenos Aires against the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) in 1994, in which a number of Argentine citizens were killed.

The Argentine Government totally and categorically rejects the serious false accusations contained in the note responding to the Argentine proposal, which was sent by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Secretary-General on 28 September and was circulated as document A/65/495.

The note contains particularly insulting and completely unfounded allegations about purported torture during investigations into the AMIA case, financing of terrorist groups by the Argentine Government and violations of diplomatic law, as well as purported discrimination against the Muslim community, which — on the contrary — has been living in peaceful and harmonious integration in Argentine society for over a century and continues to do so.

In addition, it is not known what means the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran may have used to conduct an investigation allowing it to rule out any responsibility on the part of any Iranian citizen for the attack on AMIA, as it claims in its note.

The Argentine Government wishes to recall that United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) requires all States to ensure that any person who participates in the financing, planning, preparation or perpetration of terrorist acts or in supporting terrorist acts is brought to justice, and to afford one another assistance in connection with the investigation of such acts.

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The Argentine Government will continue to engage in all necessary diplomatic efforts to find a solution that will allow justice to be done for the victims of the tragic attack on AMIA, for which purpose it continues to hope for cooperation from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 8.

(*Signed*) Diego **Limeres**
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